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**Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Title: Railroad Car with Cantilevered Articulation
Inventor: James W. Forbes
Assignee: National Steel Car
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Examiner: Frantz F. Jules

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This letter is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action of May 11, 2004, and is timely submitted to meet the due date for response of August 11, 2004.

The Applicant makes the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

No amendments at this time.

IN THE CLAIMS

The applicant's amendments begin on page 2 of this response.

IN THE ILLUSTRATIONS

No amendments at this time.

REMARKS

The applicant's remarks begin on page 14 of this response.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)

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